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**FORMER BORDER PATROL AGENT IGNACIO RAMOS RESENTENCED TODAY**

**United States Attorney Johnny Sutton** announced that in El Paso this morning, former Border Patrol agent Ignacio Ramos was resentenced by United States District Court Judge Kathleen Cordone to eleven years in federal prison—the same sentence he initially received on October 19, 2006—for his role in shooting an unarmed fleeing suspect. Yesterday, Judge Cardone sentenced former Border Patrol agent Jose Compean to the same original sentence he received of twelve years in federal prison. Both Mr. Ramos and Mr. Compean were resentenced on assault, civil rights and use of a firearm during a crime of violence charges.

On July 28, 2008, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, in upholding the majority of Compean and Ramos' convictions, stated that “[t]he trial of the case was conducted fairly and without reversible error.” While the majority of the charges against the defendants were upheld, the court did remand the case to the District Court for resentencing after it vacated the obstruction of justice charges.

Agents Jose Compean and Ignacio Ramos were indicted by an El Paso federal grand jury and were convicted after a 2 ½ week jury trial in which both defendants testified. The Fifth Circuit affirmed the most serious charges against them and has denied their request for a rehearing on the matter.

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